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1. During the middle of April 1954, in the waters east of Ruegen Island and along the mine-swept route from Sassnitz (N 54-32, E 13-37) [redacted] large number of buoys. The buoys were placed on the east as well as on the west side of the center line of the route and they were laid out from the Sassnitz buoy in the north to a point between Greifswalder Bay and the Swinemuende marker buoy in the south. There were various kinds and sizes of buoys. There were also four buoys laid out from the Sassnitz buoy toward the west, south of the Sassnitz route's center line.<sup>1</sup>
2. Between 1100 and 1200 hours on April 11, 1954, in the waters east of Ruegen Island and along the mine-swept route from Sassnitz toward the south, three Soviet MTBs and a Soviet minesweeper of the T-301 Class were observed. The MTBs were carrying out several maneuvers, operating on various courses and at various speeds. The minesweeper was not underway [redacted]

Comment: The buoys that have been laid out would seem to suggest that a minesweeping operation is planned similar to that of previous years, when a number of Soviet and East German mine-sweepers have swept the area and the routes in the waters around Ruegen Island.

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